

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to appear as below.

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1. A portable apparatus for reading only file directory information stored on a separately portable self-contained data storage device, the portable apparatus not in communication with a personal computer, the apparatus comprising:
 - a handheld housing;
 - a drive component for reading the file directory information on the data storage device;
 - a loading mechanism for receiving the data storage device and retaining the data storage device such that the drive component reads the directory file information on command; and
 - a visual display operably connected to the drive component for viewing the file directory information contained on the data storage device.
2. The apparatus of claim 1 and further comprising a printer to print the file directory information retrieved from the data storage device by the drive component.
3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the visual display is a liquid crystal display.
4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the drive component reads magnetic storage media.
5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the drive component reads optical storage media.

6. A portable apparatus for reading only file directory content of a separately portable data storage device, the portable apparatus not in communication with a personal computer, the apparatus comprising:

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a handheld housing;

a drive component disposed within the housing to read the data storage device;

a display disposed on the housing and connected to the drive component for viewing the file directory contents; and

a printer operably connected to the drive component to print the file directory contents contained on the display.

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7. The portable apparatus of claim 6 wherein the printer is located within the housing.
8. The portable apparatus of claim 6 wherein the printer is an attachable unit.
9. The portable apparatus of claim 6 and further comprising an additional drive component, each drive component capable of reading different types of data storage media.

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10. A method of reading only file directory information contained on a portable data storage device, the method comprising:

inserting the data storage device into a loading mechanism of a portable handheld file reader apparatus; and

viewing only the file directory information contained on the data storage device through a display screen.

11. The method of claim 10 and further comprising:

printing the file directory information.

12. The method of claim 11 in which the printing is onto an adhesive label.

13. A portable apparatus for reading only file directory information from a separately portable self contained data storage device, the portable apparatus comprising:

at least one data storage drive for reading the file directory information from at least one respective type of data storage device; and

an output device for providing the file directory information contained on the data storage device.

14. The portable apparatus of claim 13, in which the output device is a visual display.

15. The portable apparatus of claim 13, in which the output device is a liquid crystal display.

16. The portable apparatus of claim 13, in which the output device is a printer.

17. The portable apparatus of claim 16, in which the printer is located within the apparatus.